

Go all to whom

these Records shall come, we the undersigned Delegates of the States
affixed to our Names send greeting. ¹⁷⁷⁷ We the Delegates of the
United States of America in Congress assembled on the fifteenth day
of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and
Seventy seven, and in the second Year of the Independence of America
agree to certain articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the
States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence
Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware,
Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia
in the Words following, viz: "Article of Confederation and perpetual
Union between the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsil-
vania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina
and Georgia.

Article I. The Name of this confederacy shall be "The
United States of America."

Article II. Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom and
independence, and every Power, jurisdiction and right, which is not by
this confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in Congress
assembled.

Article III. The said states hereby severally enter into a firm
league of friendship with each other, for their common defence, the security
of their Liberties, and their mutual and general welfare, binding them-
selves to assist each other, against all force opposed to, or attacks made upon
them, or any of them, on account of religion, sovereignty, trade, or any other
pretence whatever.

Article IV. We better to secure and perpetuate mutual friendship
and intercourse among the people of the different states in this union, the
free inhabitants of each of these states, paupers, vagabonds and fugitives
from Justice excepted, shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of
free citizens in the several states; and the people of each state shall have
free ingress and egress to and from any other state, and shall enjoy therein
all the privileges of trade and commerce, subject to the same duties, im-
positions and restrictions as the inhabitants thereof respectively, provided
that such restrictions shall not extend so far as to prevent the removal of
property imported into any state, to any other state of which the Owner
is an inhabitant; provided also that no imposition, duties or restrictions
shall be laid by any state, on the property of the united states, or either of
them.

If any Person guilty of, or charged with treason, felony, or
other high misdemeanor in any state, shall flee from Justice, and be found
in any of the united states, he shall upon demand of the Governor or
executive power, of the state from which he fled, be delivered up, and re-
moved to the state having jurisdiction of his offence.

Full faith and
credit shall be given in each of these states to the records, acts and judicial
proceedings of the courts and magistrates of every other state.

Article V. For the more convenient management of the general

And that the articles thereof shall be inviolably observed by the states we respectively represent, and that the union shall be perpetual. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands in Congress. Done at Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania the ninth Day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, and in the third year of the independence of America

On the part & behalf
of the
State of Delaware

John Dickinson Aug. 8th 1778
Nicholas Lindley

On the part & behalf
of the
State of Maryland

John Thomas Aug. 1st 1778
Daniel Carroll

On the part & behalf
of the State of
Virginia

Richard Henry Lee
John Banister
Thomas Adams
Jno Harris
Francis Lightfoot Lee

On the part & behalf
of the State of
North Carolina

John Penn July 28th 1778
Com. G. Smith
North Carolina

On the part & behalf
of the State of
South Carolina

William Henry Drayton
John Moultrie
Rich. Moultrie
The Reverend Mr. Moultrie

On the part & behalf
of the State of
Georgia

In Walter 28th Aug 1778
Edw. Telfair
Edw. Langworthy

Josiah Bartlett

On the part & behalf
of the State of
New Hampshire

John Wentworth Aug. 18th 1778

John Hancock

On the part & behalf
of the State of
Massachusetts

Samuel Adams

George Gerry

Francis Dana

James Lovell

Samuel Mather

William Ellery

Henry Marchant

John Collins

Roger Sherman

Samuel Huntington

Oliver Wallcut

Tracy Kosmer

Charles Stairs

Samuel Duane

Samuel Smith

Wm. Linn

Gov. Morris

On the part & behalf
of the State of Rhode
Island and Providence
Plantations

On the part & behalf
of the State of
Connecticut

On the part & behalf
of the State
of New York

Gov. Wilburpoot
Valt. Scudder

On the part & behalf
of the State
of New Jersey
Nov. 26. 1778.

Robt Morris

Daniel Robinson

Jon. Co. and Smith

William Clingan

John Red July 1778

On the part & behalf
of the State
of Pennsylvania